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For: COMPOUNDS HAVING SELECTIVE HYDROLYTIC POTENTIALS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW**

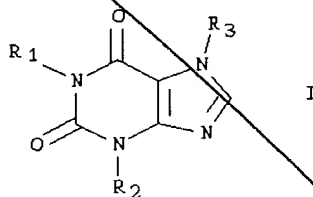
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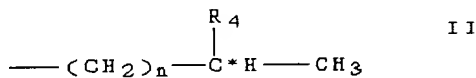
Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request an interview with the Examiner to discuss the merits of the case in view of the following preliminary amendment. Also before examination, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Three Times Amended) A compound of formula I:



wherein R₁ has the formula II:



R₂ and R₃ are independently C₍₁₋₁₂₎ alkyl, optionally, R₂ having one or two nonadjacent carbon atoms of the C₍₁₋₁₂₎ alkyl being replaced by an oxygen atom; and wherein:

C* is a chiral carbon atom;